

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 25
3rd Reading Copy

For the House Natural Resources Committee

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Following: line 11

Insert: "COORDINATION SECTION. Section 9. Coordination instruction. If either House Bill No. 231 or Senate Bill No. 75 and [this act] are passed and approved and if they contain a section that amends 77-1-613, then the sections amending 77-1-613 are void and 77-1-613 must be amended as follows:

"77-1-613. Deduction of portion of income received from Administrative costs associated with sale of timber from state trust lands -- creation of account. (1) There is an account in the state special revenue fund called the state timber sale account. Money in the account may be appropriated by the legislature for use by the department in the manner set out in this section to enhance the revenue creditable to the trusts. There must be placed in the account an amount from timber sales on state lands each fiscal year equal to the amount appropriated from the account for the corresponding fiscal year. The department may use funds appropriated from the trust land administration account, provided for in 77-1-108, for timber sale preparation, timber sale documentation, and contract harvesting costs as provided in [section 5 of Senate Bill No. 25].

(2) Timber sale program funds deducted under subsection (1) must be directly applied to timber sale preparation and documentation.

(3)(2) In order to increase the volume of timber sold at the earliest possible time while continuing to meet the requirements of applicable state and federal laws and in order to avoid unnecessary delays and extra costs that would result from increasing its permanent staff, the department may contract for services that will enable achievement of the purposes of this section and that will achieve the highest net return to the trusts.

(4)(3) To maximize overall return to the trusts, the timely salvage of timber must be considered. However, salvage timber sales may not adversely affect the implementation of green timber sales programs conducted pursuant to 77-5-201."

{ Internal References to 77-1-613:

20-9-620x 77-1-607x }"

Insert: "COORDINATION SECTION. Section 10. Coordination instruction. If either House Bill No. 231 or Senate Bill No. 75 and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section 5 of this act] must read as follows:

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"NEW SECTION. Section 5. Contract harvesting account
-- authorized expenditures -- termination. (1) An account, called the contract harvesting account, must be created as a subaccount of the trust land administration account established in 77-1-108, in which to deposit gross revenue and for the payment of expenditures associated with contract harvesting sales. All proceeds of the sale of forest products from a contract harvesting sale must be deposited into this account and must be retained in the account to be used to pay for all contract harvesting costs, as provided in subsection (2).

(2) Expenditures may be credited against the account for contract harvesting costs. Personnel services costs for state employees may not be credited against the account.

(3) An amount equal to the contract harvesting costs must be retained in the account and must be deducted from the gross proceeds to determine the net proceeds. The net proceeds from the sale of the forest products must be distributed to the appropriate trust.

(4) An initial account balance must be created by transferring up to \$500,000 of timber harvest revenue into the contract harvesting account from the trust land administration account.

(5) If the contract harvesting program is terminated or discontinued for more than 10 years, any balance remaining in the contract harvesting account in excess of \$500,000 must be distributed to the appropriate trust. The remaining balance up to \$500,000 must be transferred back to the trust land administration account provided for in 77-1-108."

Renumber: subsequent sections

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